

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2006 – 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was heavy nationally with 317 new fires reported. Six new large fires (*) were reported, five in the Southern Area and one in the Eastern Area. Nine large fires were contained, six in the Southern Area, two in the Eastern Area, and one in the Southwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, Kansas, Indiana, Massachusetts, Maine, Minnesota, New Hampshire and Wisconsin.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

WEST TEXAS IA, Texas Forest Service. A Texas State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hanneman) is assigned in Midland, TX. The Team is assisting local jurisdictions with managing initial and extended attack fires within the 140 million acre fire management response area. One new fire occurred within the management area. Acres, structure losses and costs represent cumulative fire activity for the response area.

DANIELS, Okmulgee Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is four miles northeast of Boley, OK in grass and hardwood litter. Minimal fire behavior was reported.

SULFER CREEK 2, Ozark-St. Francis National Forests. This fire is near Hector, AR in brush. Active burning in the interior was reported.

SANDY BOTTOM, Cherokee National Forest. This fire is two miles east of Erwin, TN in hardwood litter. No further information was received.

BULL MOUNTAIN, Virginia Department of Forestry. This fire is northeast of Stuart, VA in hardwood litter. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
WEST TEXAS IA	TX	TXS	4,812	NR	UNK	255	0	24	6	0	12M	N/A
DANIELS	OK	OMA	6,450	95	UNK	9	0	4	0	0	25K	BIA
SULFER CREEK 2	AR	OZF	850	95	4/19	20	1	0	1	0	NR	FS
* SANDY BOTTOM	TN	CNF	270	90	4/19	53	1	0	1	0	20K	FS
BULL MOUNTAIN	VA	VAS	4,500	20	4/19	266	7	18	2	5	NR	ST
FLATSIDE	AR	OUF	4,675	100	---	48	2	0	1	0	675K	FS
ROCKY FORK	TN	CNF	564	100	---	12	1	0	0	0	7K	FS
* BUBBLING SPRINGS	TN	CNF	422	100	---	23	1	1	0	0	20K	FS
* OTTER HOLE	NC	NCF	407	100	---	18	1	2	1	0	NR	FS
* HWY 28	GA	CHF	180	100	---	19	1	0	0	0	30K	FS
* TIGHT RUN	NC	NCS	153	100	---	18	2	1	0	0	NR	ST

OUF - Ouachita National Forest
CHF - Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest

NCF – National Forests in North Carolina
NCS – North Carolina State Division of Forestry

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

SINGLETON, New Mexico State Forestry, Las Vegas District. This fire is in Guadalupe County, NM in grass. Minimal fire behavior was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
SINGLETON	NM	N4S	1,000	95	4/19	28	2	0	0	0	9K	ST
OJO FELIZ	NM	N4S	16,600	100	---	82	3	1	1	3	3.5K	ST

EASTERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
* NEW HARMONY CHURCH	MO	MTF	210	100	---	13	0	0	0	0	8.9K	FS
CROSSVILLE	MO	MTF	147	100	---	22	2	0	0	0	7.7K	BIA

MTF – Mark Twain National Forest

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warnings: Parts of southwest Texas overnight into Wednesday morning for strong winds and low humidity values.

Weather Discussion: An upper low over the Northern Plains will produce gusty winds over portions of Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska. High pressure is building over the Southwest with scattered showers over eastern Texas and portions of the Southeast. Dry, windy weather is on tap for New England.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<p>Southern Area Far west Texas: Sunny with cold front passage. West half of Oklahoma: Sunny. West-south Virginia: Mostly sunny. Northeast Tennessee mountains: Mostly cloudy; thunderstorms. Southern Florida: Partly cloudy</p>	<p>Near 70s. Mid 70s. Near 75. 70s. Near 90.</p>	<p>10 to 15%. Teens. 35%. 45 to 50%. Low 40%.</p>	<p>East 10 to 15 mph. Northeast 10 to 18 mph. Light and variable. West 8 mph. East near 10 mph.</p>
<p>Southwest Area Mostly sunny and seasonable.</p>	<p>68 to low 90s lower elevations and 55 to 75 higher elevations.</p>	<p>5 to 15%, except 15 to 25% highest mountains and areas of west Texas.</p>	<p>Light and variable most areas except southwest to west at 10 to 20 mph across northeastern New Mexico. Gusty north to northeast winds 10 to 25 mph across parts of southwest Texas early in the day.</p>
<p>Southern California Area Mostly sunny.</p>	<p>60 to 75 mountains. 80 to 90 valleys. 70 to 80 upper deserts. 80 to 90 lower deserts.</p>	<p>5 to 15% southern California and 10 to 30% central California.</p>	<p>Variable 5 to 15 mph.</p>
<p>Eastern Area A chance of showers and thunderstorms Tuesday night into Wednesday mainly over northern Iowa northward into Minnesota, and western Wisconsin. Fair weather elsewhere.</p>	<p>66 to 76 across the southern Big Rivers and Mid-Atlantic states. 53 to 63 over much of the northwestern Great Lakes and Northeast. 60 to 70 elsewhere.</p>	<p>23 to 33% over Michigan, the southwestern Big Rivers, Mid-Atlantic and Northeast states. 35 to 45% across the much of the Big Rivers. Higher relative humidity behind any showers and thunderstorms affecting parts of the western Great Lakes and northwestern Big Rivers.</p>	<p>North to northeast at 13 to 23 mph across the eastern New England states. East to southeast at 10 to 20 mph across the Great Lakes. Stronger gusts over the UP of Michigan.</p>
<p>Rocky Mountain Area Rain across South Dakota and northeast Wyoming. Dry elsewhere.</p>	<p>40s and 50s across Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska. 50s and 60s across Colorado, and Kansas, except for 70s in southeast Kansas.</p>	<p>15 to 25% lower elevations of Colorado, Kansas, and central Wyoming. Greater than 25% elsewhere.</p>	<p>West northwest 15 to 30 mph across eastern Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska, northern Kansas. 5 to 15 mph elsewhere.</p>



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

WILDLAND/URBAN INTERFACE WATCHOUTS

The primary consideration is to first assure firefighter and public safety. It is a must to assess potential fire behavior, ingress/egress routes, nature of the threat, hazardous materials, and available water supplies before engaging in the protection of any structures. The first step in conducting a safe operation is to assess whether the firefighting operations can be conducted safely.

Consider the "Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts" in completing a risk analysis for the urban interface area to be protected. Remember there are three categories of structures:

- Those that are not threatened.
- Those that are threatened.
- Those that have already been lost or too dangerous to protect.

Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts:

- Poor access and narrow, one-way roads. A rapidly spreading fire could trap apparatus and personnel before they can turn around or move away from the flames and smoke.
- Observe bridge limits. Exceeding bridge limits could lead to bridge failure with a resultant blocking of ingress/egress routes that could result in the loss of an escape route or loss of equipment.
- Inadequate water supply. Without a reserve supply of water, the fire can overtake an area before the fuels can be cleared away.
- Natural fuels are located 30 feet or closer to structures on level ground. Remember structures on slopes require greater clearance. Structures are located on canyon slopes or "chimneys" on slopes of 30% or more with continuous, flashy fuels. The resulting rate of spread of any fire in this terrain can quickly extend beyond control.
- Extreme fire behavior: Situations involving crowning, large flame heights and erratic fire behavior can extend in an unpredictable manner beyond the control of any number of personnel. Strong winds of 25+ MPH: Winds increase the chance of spotting over the heads of firefighters and trapping them between both fire areas. Winds also cause greater preheating of fuels in the path of a fire front.
- The need to evacuate the public, livestock, pets, and/or animals. This critical activity can pull personnel from the firefighting activity and can distract attention from fire behavior at a time when the greatest alertness is needed.
- Propane and above ground fuel tanks that are next to wooden structures or close to vegetation
- Power lines and poles: What is their location in relation to the structures that are being protected? Watch for both overhead and downed power lines.
- Local citizens are attempting suppression activities. Lack of knowledge in fire suppression may lead to unsafe tactics.
- Airtanker retardant drops and helicopter bucket operations: Establish communications and keep fire personnel out of the drop zone.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	7	2		1		1	11
	ACRES	2	0		0		0	2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	16		1		1	1	19
	ACRES	10		5		1,808	14	1,837
Eastern Area	FIRES	30				123	10	163
	ACRES	100				1,148	13	1,261
Southern Area	FIRES	8				107	9	124
	ACRES	857				1,723	1,157	3,737
TOTAL	FIRES	61	2	1	1	231	21	317
	ACRES	969	0	5	0	4,679	1,184	6,837

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	10		2		5	2	19
	ACRES	6		3		6	0	15
Northern California	FIRES					72	9	81
	ACRES					1,555	1,244	2,799
Southern California	FIRES		4				25	29
	ACRES		10				11,095	11,105
Northern Rockies	FIRES	102	2	7	1	6	5	123
	ACRES	504	101	945	223	3,568	224	5,565
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	2			1		4
	ACRES	52	10			28		90
Western Great Basin	FIRES		11		1			12
	ACRES		9		1			10
Southwest	FIRES	213	34	1	36	463	175	922
	ACRES	1,680	1,566	431	3,496	233,584	12,453	253,210
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	12	7	17	2	138	30	206
	ACRES	975	0	824	0	106,367	7,526	115,692
Eastern Area	FIRES	320		7	33	5,555	314	6,229
	ACRES	5,371		534	215	49,017	6,336	61,473
Southern Area	FIRES	340		121	16	23,173	637	24,287
	ACRES	41,343		12,969	3,373	1,641,801	32,817	1,732,303
TOTAL	FIRES	998	60	155	89	29,413	1,197	31,912
	ACRES	49,931	1,696	15,706	7,308	2,035,926	71,695	2,182,262

Five Year Average Fires	25,942
Five Year Average Acres	586,586

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES			1			1	2
	ACRES			125			3	128
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0				1	1
	ACRES		2				80	82
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						1,000	1,000
Rocky Mountain	FIRES				1		0	1
	ACRES				15		3	18
Eastern Area	FIRES			3		37	4	44
	ACRES			469		1,232	198	1,899
Southern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				100			100
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	4	2	37	6	49
	ACRES	0	2	594	115	1,232	1,284	3,227

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1	85	14			19	119
	ACRES	149	2,343	530			169	3,191
Northern California	FIRES	12	3	3	3		48	69
	ACRES	101	222	5,884	7		712	6,926
Southern California	FIRES		5	2			49	56
	ACRES		285	24			1,591	1,900
Northern Rockies	FIRES		6	13	1	1	10	31
	ACRES		621	2,846	128	321	245	4,161
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	8	5		1	6	22
	ACRES	1,046	1,760	1,424		2	816	5,048
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1	1				2
	ACRES		10	10				20
Southwest	FIRES	19	5	2	1		67	94
	ACRES	1,224	1,202	320	87		21,710	24,543
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	18	8	35	9	25	72	167
	ACRES	1,937	2,590	8,790	362	1,432	17,440	32,551
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		155	30	381	117	703
	ACRES	11,181		24,991	4,712	25,437	25,132	91,453
Southern Area	FIRES	1		145	32	192	676	1,046
	ACRES	120		66,536	7,890	99,854	542,274	716,674
TOTAL	FIRES	73	121	375	76	600	1,064	2,309
	ACRES	15,758	9,033	111,355	13,186	127,046	610,089	886,467

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WFU FIRES AND YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				4			4
	ACRES				1			1
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

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RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest										
Northern California										
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	3	2	5		2		4		12	8
Rocky Mountain		2	1							
Eastern Area		2		5	1				15	
Southern Area	6	4	15	17	8	2	5		156	114
Total	9	10	21	22	11	2	9	0	183	122

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